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FRIDAY: AUGUST 19, 1856.

[From the London Times.]
Great Earthquake in Moluccas!

ERUPTION OF A VOLCANO!

Three Thousand Lives Lost!

The Indian mail brings advices of another of those dreadful earthquakes for which Ternate and the adjoining localities in the Moluccas are proverbial.

An eruption of the active volcano on the Island of Great Sanguis, a longitude 125 degrees 20 min. East, and lat. 8 deg. 50 minutes North, has occurred. The Northwestern part of the Island of Great Sanguis is formed by the mountain Awan, which has several peaks, the highest being about 4,000 feet from the sea. On the West side the mountain runs very steep into the sea, and the waves of the ocean dash against it, however, falling away to a low promontory.

Between seven and eight o'clock, on the evening of the 24th of March, a sudden and altogether indescribable crashing noise was heard, which indicated to the Sanjares an eruption of the volcano, filled with consternation. Simultaneously, a column of smoke and fire shot upwards with impetuosity, in different directions, bearing with it whatever it encountered on its destructive course; and causing the sea to boil whenever they came in contact.

The hot springs opened up and cast out a flood of boiling water, which destroyed and carried away what the fire had spared. The sea, obedient to the unusual impulse, had turned its fury against the shore and beaved itself with a wild haste against the land, as if it strove to overtake the fire.

This frightful picture of destruction, the horror which was increased by the shrieks of men and beasts, the wild roaring of the sea, and the smoke and fire, were soon turned up, and carried away, was followed, about an hour later, by pools of thunder which shook the ground and defended the ear.

A black column of smoke and ashes then shot up from the mountain to immense height, and, illuminated by the glare of the lava, like a shower of fire, continued to rise, and, when turned up, carried away, was followed, about an hour later, by pools of thunder which shook the ground and defended the ear.

Large stones were buried through the air, crushing whatever they fell upon, and, had not the earth been destroyed by the fire, would have been buried beneath the ashes and stones, and the hill streams, stopped by these barriers formed like, which breaking over their banks, soon proved a new source of destruction.

About midday the raging elements sank to rest, and the earth, which had not been destroyed by fire, was again resumed their work of destruction with renewed violence.

In the meantime, the fall of ashes continued without intermission, and was so intense, that out and about the country were broken by the flashes of lightning, was so intense, that people could not discern objects close at hand, and which completed their confusion and despair.

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Since then the volcano has remained quiet, and the only symptom of its working has been the smoke rising up from the directions from cracks which have been opened.

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On the other side of Kandar, on the extreme north of the Island, a similar but less violent destruction which has been caused, is, if possible, even more frightful than what has taken place in Ternate. For here, where formerly there were to be extensive fields bearing all kinds of crops, and thickly planted and endless groves of cocoanuts, and the hill streams, stopped by these barriers formed like, which breaking over their banks, soon proved a new source of destruction.

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